



IOM CONDUCTS ASSESSMENT & SENSITIZATION AT POINTS OF ENTRY IN MBANDAKA, DRC, TO STOP EBOLA. © IOM 2018

## IOM'S RESPONSE FOCUS

- ◆ **Population Mobility Mapping (PMM)** at border-crossings and in the affected province
- ◆ **Points of Entry (POE) surveillance** (health screening)
- ◆ **Infection Prevention and Control** measures (hygiene promotion) at POE
- ◆ **Risk communication** at POE
- ◆ **Cross-border coordination** between DRC, Central African Republic (CAR) and Republic of the Congo (ROC)

**IOM'S APPEAL : USD 4.5 MILLION**

## MAPPING TO GUIDE THE EBOLA RESPONSE

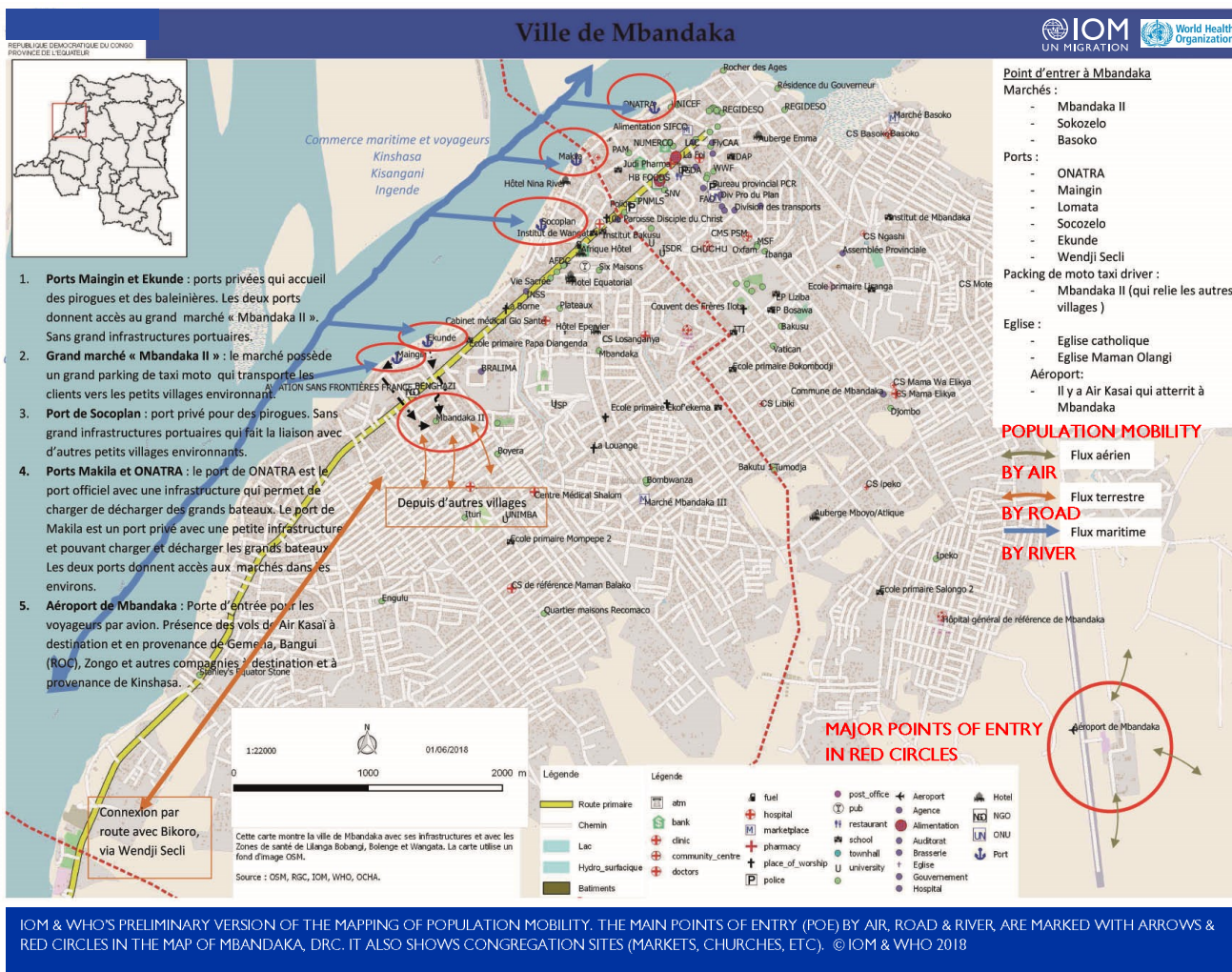
The Ebola Virus Disease outbreak in the Equateur Province, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), remains active. IOM, the UN Migration Agency, is working closely with the Congolese Ministry of Health (MoH) and WHO to contain the outbreak and address the needs of affected communities.

One month into the response, the primary focus of the response has moved to the most hard-to-reach and remote areas in Itipo and the greater Iboko Health Zone. IOM has supported the **deployment of surveillance staff to Itipo**, the current hot spot, in order to conduct and strengthen points of entry (POE) surveillance, risk communication, infection prevention and control (IPC), population mobility mapping (PMM) and daily flow monitoring. IOM's PMM will help in guiding the response, by understanding the mobility trends of the affected areas including hotspots.



AT IOM'S TRAINING OF TRAINERS, 40 SUPERVISORS LEARNED THE USE OF GLOVES & HANDWASHING IN KINSHASA, DRC. © IOM 2018

- ◆ IOM, MoH and WHO jointly conducted **Population Mobility Mapping (PMM)** in Mbandaka and Bikoro, to identify travel routes, POE and major transit/congregation sites (ports, markets, etc). PMM in Itipo and Lilanga are planned in late June.
- ◆ IOM is also supporting National Programme of Hygiene at Borders (PNHF)'s **POE surveillance (health screening)** activities at 88 sites, including 44 in Mbandaka and 26 in Kinshasa, along with **risk communication** and **hygiene promotion**.
- ◆ IOM is conducting **daily flow monitoring** at 16 data collection sites in Mbandaka, Bikoro, Iboko, Ingenge and Lukolera, in order to understand the mobility volume and profiles of travelers, including internal and cross-border movements.
- ◆ IOM supported PNHF to organize **training of trainers** for 36 epidemiologists in Kinshasa on overall interventions at POE.
- ◆ IOM-PNHF (MOH) joint **on-site formative supervision** mission will be carried out in Itipo, Iboko, Bikoro and Mbandaka on 19-25 June.



IOM & WHO'S PRELIMINARY VERSION OF THE MAPPING OF POPULATION MOBILITY. THE MAIN POINTS OF ENTRY (POE) BY AIR, ROAD & RIVER, ARE MARKED WITH ARROWS & RED CIRCLES IN THE MAP OF MBANDAKA, DRC. IT ALSO SHOWS CONGREGATION SITES (MARKETS, CHURCHES, ETC). © IOM & WHO 2018

### Capacity Strengthening

- ◆ **Training of trainers for supervisors of Points of Entry (POE) surveillance** was carried out in Kinshasa. 36 participants were trained by IOM and partners on primary and secondary screening, hand washing, safe isolation, routine disinfection, notification of an alert, and data collection. IOM/PNHF plan to cascade this training at the field starting from next week.
- ◆ IOM will disseminate **surveillance tools including Algorism (POE activity proceasure poster)** at key POEs in Equator and Kinshasa this week.

### Deployment of surveillance staffs

- ◆ Two PNHF staffs have been moved from BIKORO to ITIPO to supervise and strengthen POE surveillance in ITIPO.
- ◆ Reallocation and replacement of deployed surveillance staff at POE is planned this week.
- ◆ New deployment of surveillance staffs is planned for Kinshasa and Mai Ndombe.

### Supervision

- ◆ IOM-PNHF joint on-site formative supervision mission will be held in ITIPO, IBOKO, Bikoro and Mbandaka on 21-27 June.
- ◆ IOM-PNHF cross border mobility assessment at Lilanga POE is planned at the end of June.

### Population Mobility Mapping and sample flow monitoring

- ◆ Participatory Mobility Mapping (PMM) infograph (Mbandaka and Bikoro) will be shared by mid this week.
- ◆ PMM in ITIPO (IBOKO ZS, current hot spot) and Lilanga POE (cross border mobility) are planned this week and the next.

### Coordination

- ◆ IOM participates in the National-level Points of Entry Sub-committee Meeting to coordinate activities among members.
- ◆ IOM joined a meeting at International N'Djili Airport in Kinshasa, held with partners including airline companies and members of the PoE sub-committee. All partners agreed to complete the screening action package at the International Departure Hall, and the new screening partway was designed to mitigate the spread of the disease.

# IOM'S EBOLA RESPONSE IN DR CONGO

## LEVERAGING THE EXPERTISE IN MIGRATION TO GUIDE THE EBOLA RESPONSE

### POINTS OF ENTRY (POE) SURVEILLANCE (WEEK 11-16 JUNE)

	BIKORO	MBANDAKA	KINSHASA	IBOKO	TOTAL
Number of travelers screened at the	56,452	160,715	116,536	100	333,803
Number of points of entry covered	17	44	26	1	88
Number of means of transport registered as disinfected	355	636	137	18	1,146

### IOM'S PARTNERSHIP & IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

IOM works with the Ministry of Health, particularly with the National Programme of Hygiene at Borders (PNHF), to support their response efforts and coordination at Points of Entry (POE). IOM is supporting **PNHF's surveillance activities at 88 sites**. The POE surveillance is conducted along with risk communication and hygiene promotion. IOM will soon provide on-site supervision and pre-deployment training to strengthen the POE surveillance capacity, and expand activities to Kinshasa and the areas along the Congo river in Mai Ndombe.

IOM is also conducting daily flow monitoring at **16 data collection sites in Mbandaka, Bikoro, Iboko, Ingenge and Lukolera**, in order to understand the mobility volume and profiles of travelers, including internal and cross-border movements.



IOM SUPPORTS HEALTH SCREENINGS AT POINTS OF ENTRY SUCH AS RIVER PORTS, TO STOP EBOLA. © IOM 2018

### IOM STRENGTHENS PREPAREDNESS

IOM will further assist **cross border coordination** with neighboring countries, including the Central African Republic and the Republic of the Congo, and strengthen the **International Health Regulations (2005) core capacities** and public health emergency preparedness, through **POE capacity assessment**, developing **standard operating procedure (SOP)** and carrying out **simulation exercise** for contingency planning.

IOM IS APPEALING TO DONORS ADDITIONAL USD 4.5 MILLION TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND ITS EBOLA RESPONSE.

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